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ments of the inventor, but from letters written *to* him and the proof is complete. This first thermometer consisted of a bulbed tube, inverted in colored water, in which the liquid rose and fell with temperature of the bulb. In 1632 Dean Rey made a water thermometer, in which the expansion of the fluid replaced that of air, and not long after this Ferdinand II of Tuscany, by sealing the top of the tube, gave approximately the modern form to the instrument.

In 1714 Fahrenheit constructed the first mercury thermometer, with a reliable scale. Reaumur was the first to use the melting point of ice for zero. The first to adopt 0° and 100° for the two points was Celsius, which was finally changed to the centigrade scale."

You may have much better historical facts sent you about this common little instrument, which we all use so much—but there may be something here to help.

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WHO IS INTERESTED IN THIS INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF TUBERCULOSIS?

THE Federal Government is interested. There are nine departments in the United States Government, and seven of them will participate in the Congress.

The State Governments are interested. There are forty-six states, and every state has its own committee. Thirty-seven of these state committees are at work. In thirty of these states the governors have expressed their interest in the Congress, and many of them have given most explicit instructions asking all the municipalities and other local governments, and the voluntary agencies, to combine for the purpose of securing to the state the utmost possible benefit from this International Congress. How does your Governor stand on this matter?

Foreign countries are interested. The following countries have been heard from and will be represented: Great Britain (including her more important provinces and colonies), France, Spain, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Russia, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, Greece, Argentine, Brazil, Uruguay, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Peru, Venezuela, Porto Rico, Cuba, Hawaii, Japan.

Are you interested? Do you want to see the preliminary announcement? Ask some member of your State Committee about it, or else write to the Secretary-General, 714 Colorado Building, Washington, District of Columbia.